

ACCELERATING END TO  
AFGHANISTAN WAR**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as we gather back in Washington for the first time since the election, it is important that we work to resolve the questions that cannot wait until the new 113th Congress is sworn in. President Obama will soon be meeting with his military advisors and considering various plans in Afghanistan. My Republican colleague Walter Jones and I will be sending a letter to the President renewing our call for an accelerated withdrawal from Afghanistan.

I encourage all Members to join us on this letter. Keeping our troops in Afghanistan through 2014 will not bring about a meaningful difference on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we catch up with the American people who are calling for an accelerated end to the war in Afghanistan.

Let's bring our troops home, end the war in Afghanistan, and invest in jobs and nation-building here at home.

## IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE 2012 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR, PATROL OFFICER DANIEL L. BAILLIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis, the Cleveland Division of Police 2012 Police Officer of the Year.

Officer Baillis is a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio who attended Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from Lincoln West High School. He studied Applied Sciences/Law Enforcement at Cuyahoga Community College where he earned an Associate's Degree. He also studied at Cleveland State University.

On July 23, 1979, Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis began his career as a Cleveland police officer in the 5th District, where he spent his entire 33-year career. Officer Baillis served on the Basic Patrol, Vice and Strike Force units and spent nearly 20 years as a detective in the Strike Force Unit. Officer Baillis retired from the Cleveland Police Department on August 2, 2012.

The Cleveland Division of Police's Police Officer of the Year award is bestowed upon an officer who demonstrates an outstanding devotion to duty, and consistently performs to the highest degree, beyond standards established by their peers. Police Officer of the Year is not Officer Baillis' first honor. He has previously been awarded the Medal of Honor, three Distinguished Service Medals, four special commendations, two Chief's Commendations and the Rotary Club Valor Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis on being named the 2012 Cleveland Division of Police Officer of the Year.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF  
THE TOWN OF HAYESVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the town of Hayesville, located in Clay County North Carolina surrounded by mountains and views of the Hiwassee River, Tusquitee Bald, Nantahala Forest and other picturesque scenery of Western North Carolina.

Hayesville has been the active center of Clay County since it was established in the 1800s. In 1860 George Hayes ran for a seat in the North Carolina House of Commons on a platform for creating a new county from the neighboring boundaries of Cherokee and Macon Counties. After his election, Rep. Hayes introduced a bill in February 1861 to establish Clay County and later received recognition for his efforts when Hayesville was named in his honor.

Small communities flourished as more settlers moved into the hills and valleys along streams and rivers of Clay County. The County Courthouse was constructed in 1888 on a knoll overlooking scenic mountain valleys as a center of commerce surrounded by a bank, hotel, churches, Tiger's Store and other merchants that formed a village square and the only town in Clay County. Finally in March of 1913, fifty years after the county was established, Hayesville was officially recognized as an "incorporated town" and County Seat of Clay County.

Hayesville continued to be the central mark of the county as roads were built and neighboring farmers would let others know they were making a trip to town and offered to bring back supplies. Eventually the population grew and Hayesville became a flourishing small town reflecting North Carolina mountain culture, hometown values and rural area accomplishments with Appalachian and Americana flavor that continues today.

The historic Courthouse Square is still the center of activity and a special public gathering will be held in March 2013 at Town Hall in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the designation of the town of Hayesville as the County Seat of Clay County. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in Hayesville's Centennial recognition and contributions to our national heritage and the great state of North Carolina.

RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN  
ISRAEL AND GAZA**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my fears about the events occurring in southern Israel and Gaza. Last Saturday, Hamas-affiliated militias began firing rockets from Gaza into Israel. These attacks, directed at Israeli civilians, are acts of war. Israel has every right and a solemn duty to protect her citizens. The rocket attacks have continued all

week, and yesterday, three Israeli civilians were killed in an attack on Kiryat Malakhi.

Regrettably, Israel was forced to take a necessary and appropriate step in defending her citizens by launching an offensive against Palestinian militants in Gaza. During the attacks, Israeli defense forces killed the military commander of Hamas in an air strike. Israel has clearly told those who kill the innocent that Israel will use whatever force necessary to protect her citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Israel live in constant fear of rocket attacks from Gaza. In 2009, I visited the Israeli village of Sderot that borders on Gaza. I'll never forget talking to an Israeli mother who is always within arm's reach of her young children. Any time the air raid sirens scream a warning of an incoming barrage of rockets, she must be ready to grab her children and take cover in the family's bomb shelter. This has to be done within seconds or her family may be killed.

Mr. Speaker, the United States must continue to fully support Israel's right to defend herself against the constant threat of terrorist attacks by Hamas from Gaza. This is also a critically important moment for Egypt to step up as a responsible mediator to end the violence. The new Egyptian government has a chance to show its acceptance of the 1979 peace treaty. It is their choice, but whatever they decide, America will stand firmly beside our ally Israel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH  
BIRTHDAY OF JANE SHEATS**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jane Sheats on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, Mrs. Sheats is a lifelong resident of the Glenville area. Upon graduating from John Hay High School, she immediately began working as a clerk with the Internal Revenue Service. Mrs. Sheats began her role with Cleveland's Democratic Party in 1965 when she began her ten-year tenure as a Precinct Committeeman for Cleveland's Ward 20.

In 1975, Mrs. Sheats was appointed as a Board Member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. In 1976, she became the first African American woman in the U.S. to chair a county board of elections. Her public service continued in 1983, when she was appointed Regional Manager Cleveland Region of the Ohio Lottery Commission; she was later re-appointed in 1991 by Former Governor Voinovich. Ultimately, Mrs. Sheats served as Regional Manager for 12 years. In 1999, she came out of retirement to serve as a Deputy Clerk in the City of Cleveland's Clerk of Courts.

In addition to her long career in the public sector, Mrs. Sheats has been a selfless leader in her community. She was a longtime trustee and corporate board member of the Ohio Motorist Association, a Sunday School teacher at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church and the first woman to chair the Glenville YMCA Board of Managers.